

Pederson Tape # 2, Side A

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possibly two rows of logs, completely collapsed. Ruined structure. No outside _____. State survey marker at top of first point away from Topkok head to south. Trail between Topkok and Bluff is evident approximately 100-500 yards from the beach above Peck bank. At Bluff, state aerial survey marker at the top of a hill to east of mouth river at Bluff. Building #1, Bluff Creek shed type structure. Frame construction, 2 x 4 wall, outside drop siding 5-inch. Roughs on lumber. Balloon-frame diagonal shape bracing. Seems to be on original location; inside plumbing fittings half-inch galvanized piping. Low, approximate 7'6" ceiling. Simple purlin raftered roof. Bats with wood shingles, appear to be cedar. Structure listing to the west. _____ stove located inside. Late May 1911. Lang. Terracotta drain pipe or chimney pipe; doesn't seem to have been used. Woven agricultural wire, 3 ft. tall galvanized. Terracotta chimney pipe, galvanized around the outside with a baffle; appears to have been used for chimney. Upstairs. Stair system to what appears to be the attic system. No evidence of a floor on second floor. Possibly has been removed. Floor system, second floor has been removed, nothing remains on second floor, uninsulated, no interior sheeting or siding. Only one end upstairs, doorway north end, second floor. First it would have been a shed, possibly a horse barn. Horse harness inside. Horse yoke located outside. Two bays in structure north bay, large diesel engine located, appears to have been used as a generator. Water pump for house, hand pump. Structural condition, ruin. Outside north side, remains of all around pot belly stove.

Building #2 appears to be in ruin. Possibly the old original roadhouse. Log the north half and frame structure the front half, possibly two buildings joined together. Plus or minus 8-inch log, saddle notch corner construction, rough. Logs have been sawn. Not chopped. Large horseshoe inside, metal drum, roof unknown appears to have been perhaps salvaged for some other structure, no _____, all remains. Looks like a wood floor. Window east and west side. North elevation plain. Inside face has been broad-axed certain places. Not a flat dress. Entry to south, addition to structure wood framed. Two foot on center studs. Rough sawn circular studs. Roof is five-inch drop siding or lip siding. For roof appears to have been tar-papered. Late placed horizontally, running with the roof. Gable roof construction. Appears to be a wood floor, 2 x unsure of width. Does not appear to have been insulated. Gable roof, drop siding to roof. Insulators on front ridge. Peak, apparently

the structure had been wired or telephone line some period. Log structure appears to have been gable east to west or north to south ridge. Building size east/west 20 foot 10 northend of the log structure to end of log structure 41 foot 6 entire length of structure. North and south elevation 17'2" long.

Building #3 appears to have been a residence perhaps the Ladder Roadhouse, bunkhouse, what have you. Several rooms, front room from the south entry appears to be kitchen. Remains of an old wood-burning stove, wash basin, cupboards, with china, serving counter. Going directly to the back room, appears to be sleeping bunk room. Several cots, Yukon burning stove, rear entry. Remains of a large commercial freezer, two commercial freezers, an upright refrigerator and a horizontal freezer Frigidaire, late model 1950 probably. Room off the kitchen towards the rear appears to be perhaps cook's room. Some kind of residential room. Coat hangers, Army cot. Remains. Final room off the front entry appears to be store room, pantry. Remains of tin plates, some of the cafeteria, military plates or trays I guess you call them. Structural system frame throughout. No insulation on outer walls, exception of front kitchen, interior drop siding, lip siding. Inside and out walls have been whitewashed, ceiling whitewashed. No interior covering. Floor system similar. Five-inch drop siding, or lip siding. Another floor covering. No evidence of linoleum or anything. Ceiling covering in kitchen, cardboard. Smoke vent in kitchen appears to have been built or maintained only as a bunk house, seasonal use structure. Outside wall covering, drop siding similar with a double bevel on each edge. Roof, building paper with batten laid vertically, eaved to ridge. Drop siding outside is sometimes covered with the same building material with vertical bats. Buildings 3, 4, and 5 appear to have been moved in. Do not seem to be on original location.

Building #4 appears to be a Wanigan on skids. Large size horizontal planking, one by approximately 12 siding with horizontal bats. Covered, doesn't appear to have been covered with building paper. An arched roof, galvanized, or heavy felt paper on the roof. One window north side. May have served as a power shed and was moved up and down the creek here. Settling bottle on the east side. Door, south side, large shed door on the west side. Perhaps served as a garage or such for mining equipment. Door evident on the west

side. Has been filled with time. On large wooden skids. Large cat or case generator power plant inside, shelving for various plumbing fittings. Work benches. Remains outside the west structure, ruins of an old telephone.

_____ of the Iditarod. Oak board, small generator box with remote detached speaker piece. Building 4 and Building 5 seem to have been connected with a breeze-way. The roof is presently fallen in. Farm implement items around site seem to be spring or cultivator shoes, perhaps for breaking up the soil or rocks.

Building #6, similar in construction to building #4. Outside siding is typical drop, not a double bevelled. Edge as in building #4. Frame structure. No appearance of having ever been insulated or any interior siding. Shed only. No insulated roof. Typical frame construction. Large 2 x 12, or 1 x 12 planking used in roof. Rough sawn, circular. Framing, building paper and then outside siding, appears to have worked as a plumbing and repair shed as the other various ruins. The remains of pumps and engines, washing machines, hot water heater, settling bottles, chicken wire, range wire. It has been wired, it is wired for electricity. Floor similar to other structures, 1 x 5. Drop siding. Floor. No windows north side. Six light windows, half windows on north end of east and west walls. Six over six windows on the south half of east/west and two six over six windows south side. Remains outside include a smelting oven, or kill, crucible lifter inside front doorway. _____ may be a good place to gather implements for the Nome Museum as the mayor was talking about. Correction tape--building I just labeled as building #6 is actually building #5. #6 is a small Wanigan behind.

Building #6, Wanigan, appears to be approximately 8 ft x 6 ft wide. It is on skids, log skids. Has been sitting in place for awhile. Gravity flow, fuel tank or water tank on north side. Entry way on southeast corner, one window, south, small window north side. Black and white linoleum inside. A piece out of some other structure. Appears that there was a small stove in the north-west corner. Masonite inside, frame structure, plywood outside, one shelf east side as you enter. Single pane windows, rough framing. Six foot ceiling with one outlet and one light socket attached west wall. Arched roof. Ninety pound building paper with asphalt or haggard-cut chipped. Horizontal side, horizontal plywood on sides. South entry is actually the front entry directly behind cat.

Building #7, another small frame structure. Canvas on the outside with battens, plank siding, random width. Approximately 1 x 10, 12. Evidence inside of some interior siding, however most of it seems to have been torn off. Structure appears to have been the wash-up or the clean-up for the gold concentrate. Old wash basins are still here. _____ sample bags on the floor. Frame structure, no insulation, rough sawn roof, 1 x 5 drop siding again. Flush face no bevelled edges. Planking door, vertical, same material, vertical plank. Random width. Door north side, six pane window north side, double split window west side, same south, same six pane window east side. Planked flooring. One by approximately eight. Appears to have been skidded to site. Tar roof, evidence of fire damage, east side. Again canvas on the outside with battens attaching to structure. East side has one by fifteen inch board planked siding.

Building #8 appears to be an old ore separator. Might be worthwhile to show all of these old pictures to some old-time miner and just what's here and what different type of mining activities took place, mining techniques took place at Bluff.

Building #9 appears to be another old shed, perhaps oil shed inside. Roof frame, drop siding similar to others. 2 x 4 construction, 4 ft. on center, same with tress roof. Work shed or work bench inside. Appears to have been dirt floor with two 2 x 6 bottom plate directly on ground. Doorways east and west side. Wood stamped or painted, obviously imported, it says Bluff. And it looks like Frank K. or Fran K. of Pland K. whatever. Inside rooms of outboard motors, pumps, plumbing fittings, gate valves, Blazo cans, tires, 4-inch pipe. Outside of structure with plank, drop siding west elevation, possibly two structures joined, no. Horizontal planked siding, outside north side has vertical planking over old horizontal. Roofing planking front to east to west with one by well typical tongue and groove siding running ridge to gable or facial to gable. Building paper between two layers outside siding. One by five siding referred to actually three-quarters of an inch by five and three-eighths of an inch with a three-eighths inch lapped lip. With a southeast corner of the structure is the foundation or the evidence, seems to be evidence of a prior existing structure now removed, seems to have been a basement of some sorts in that area. Perhaps a pit house. Sign on west wall say

AURIC, Offshore Mining Company, no trespassing. Consider getting somebody onsite that worked at Bluff and lived here. Somebody from the Alaska Miner's Association, perhaps a good chance to do oral history on site as we talk about the mining processes.

Building #10; similar cupola to the type found in Nome and at, I believe, Council. WWII shed, top or cupola system has been used here for a banya or stream bath. Recently modified to accept it. However, painted in green and white, so are the other two cupolas found at Council and Nome. Tar roof painted silver. Six sided structure on a square 1 x 3 or five-eighths by three T and G, planked flooring. Small door, three feet tall. Inside has small barrel stove with rocks, 55-gallon barrel stove with rocks stacked from floor up and over a bench and mattress.

Building #11, sign over the door on the west side, post office. Part of another sign that says, Cheechako and what maybe M. F. Deo. Tar paper roof, vertical siding outside with the, it's the one-half by five with the center bead siding. Inside structure, two parts, two bay, the east end appears to be the original end which was log, log structure with cloth stretched over the wall, inside log walls have been broad-axed off, cleaned up and then the fabric stretched to give clean ceiling. One by ten roof sawn, probably fur planking for the roof, _____ eave. Main purlin to intermediate purlin roof construction. Log gable to ridge. Floor system is one-half by two and approximately two and five-eighths inch tongue and groove. Flooring running east and west. Original entry probably east side, small Wanigan or addition on east side. Probably wood storage. Cold weather entrance. Rough construction. Rough frame basically vertical planking. Planking the same for the roof. Floor 1 x 5 lip siding. Cabin corners squared, dove-tailed construction. Round outside, chink, probably chinking of moss and pitch. Logs have been peeled. Purlin extents, porch is probably, was built the same time as the main structure. Evidence that fabric was stretched between the two intermediate purlins and a fourth purlin below the main purlin to give a flat ceiling at approximately 7' height. Portions of ceiling remain were painted white. Some later date. No window north side, window south side, split pane, sweat double pane large window, secondary entrance on west side into what is presumed to be the old post office. Post office is built, appears to be frame. Horizontal five-eighths by five inch siding with beaded edges and

center bead, horizontally on north wall. Log, whitewashed wall on east wall, similar siding on south wall as north wall and west wall 1 x 12 fourteen inch planking horizontally to frame construction. Floor system same as other. Contents table, cabinet, no indication of how the post office was set up as far as boxes. Flat roofed in front similar to stetched canvas roof in main structure. Foundation on ground, presume wood on soil. Inside is trim of structure, trim in doorway, screen door green, double entry into the west entry to post office is approximately 1½ ft. deep. Outer door gone, perhaps only screen door. Roof is planking, facet of ridge with a horizontal layer laid perpendicular, no negative, with tar paper applied directly to the top of the planking and batten, paper running ridge to facet.

Deck connecting building #11 post office to other structure. Presume possible roadhouse. Deck made of 1 x 12 planking. May have had roof at some date, no indication, however. Outside log existing has vertical planking, 1 x 5 roof siding.

Construction #12; sharing deck with post office. Entering from east side, small Wanigan addition. Boxes on wall. Possibly old mail boxes of some sort. Shelving on the left-hand side. Rough frame, no interior siding. Drop siding outside. Same ceiling. Double bevelled drop siding, textural wall of main unit of structure. Entering second room from Wanigan, room appears to be part of main original cabin. Kitchen area, porcelain china in here, says semi-vitreous porcelain, H. F. and K. Company. Two plates. Old pulley shelving kitchen cabinets. Obviously this end was used as a kitchen area. Small bed spring, fold-a-bed type, one table southeast corner, southwest corner of structure. Shelving around walls. An old prescription, it says 52 something Street, Pharmacy, William Prett R., Ph., San Diego, California. Said chiefs Morgan and Novak, Box 565, Bluff, Alaska 99762. Five-panel door east entry of structure. Building appears to be frame structure with the five-eighths by four one-half inch double beaded end, bead down the center siding. Building paper over exterior wall. Exterior walls over framing finish with planking. Various wallpapers, oil cloths and such, several layers. Various states of decay, flat ceiling as same with others. Ceiling tied across to intermediate purlins. Entering room southwest or center bay section of the structure, central bay actually has two rooms. One on the south and one on the north.

The south section appears to have been a pantry or a living room of some sort. Perhaps a bedroom. Various items remaining, procelain black trim with an inset trim says U.S.A. on face. Medicine cabinet center interior partition wall running east to west. Flooring, tongue and groove. Three-quarters by 2½.

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Central partition, or central section north one-half of building appears to have been a pantry shed, shelving. Remains of plates and jars, ceramic bottles, appears to have been some kind of a foundation or root cellar perhaps under the structure. Now caved in. Roof is rough, has not been finished. Interior walls are planking, unpainted, untreated, ceiling painted storm door green. Step down from original section, entry section of structure on east end, might not in there that; linoleum on floor, two layers of linoleum. West end of structure #12, across from post office appears to have been more of a wash shed, work shed area. Rougher, not painted, not insulated, frame structure, planking, one by 10 or 12 running facetted. Ridge pole 4 x 4, intermediate purlins, 2 x 4 rough sawn circular. East wall of structure has various electrical two breakers, fuse box breakers and voltage regulator for generator plant. Automobiles, sinks, hot water heater, busted seat, floats, old mattresses, a wash sink, various cupboards and shelving. Condition of structure, poor condition. Small outhouse southwest corner of structure. Drying rack, window frames, step down to landing on door at west side. One step, single door, no weather entrance on west side of structure.

Building #11 and #12 have wood planking rain gutters. Building #14, two-story, appears to be a residence of sorts. Second floor, frame structure, no insulation and it appears walls covered with one-foot, probably 16 x 32 inch pieces of one-half inch ceiling tile, pressboard, beaver board, insulation board. No insulation in walls. Mill 2 x 4 construction. Wallpaper upstairs. Direct glued to some old ceiling tile. Single bed upstairs. Wrought-iron bed rail with springs, box springs. Second floor consists of 2 x 6 floor rafters or joist. One by T and G milled flooring running to eaves end, north to south. One window south side, six-pane window standing edge. Old Zenith radio upstairs. Obviously a bedroom, short ceiling, 5'8", 5'10" possibly room for children. All walls downstairs cellutex-type panel board with wallpaper on top. Frame construction. Rear part of house or addition, Wanigan addition, possibly a later date, appears to be a work shed. Pantry part perhaps wood storage for the other part. Kitchen area linoleum on floor, ceiling and walls painted off-yellow. All wallpapers, light in color. Sawdust appears to have been used for some ceiling insulation in the structure.

Siding on structure, horizontal beveled siding, double-cut bevel with a lip joining other at top. Appears to be a 2½ inch beveled horizontal siding where as its a 5 inch siding with 2 bevels cut per each board. Structure sound, however, badly in need of roof. New roof would preserve for many years. Estimated date of construction 1945.

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Sign on current building, looks like Perry Bahun_ Bluff. Stenciled on, indicates timber shipped in. Building size 22 by 42. Ruins of existing bridge by Bahun_ house, the one I am talking about across mouth of creek. Ruins of some small shed in creek. Bridge seems to have been built of timbers, perhaps a steel, no evidence of steel cables. Posts and some sort of trestle system. Spans approximately 45 feet. Foot bridge construction approximately 8 feet wide. Board walking made of 2 by random width planking. At edge of bridge other side from last structure, small trolley car construction with iron wheels, indicates perhaps a track trolley system along shore of Bluff.

Ruins of bridge and what appears to be a generator shed between building 14 and 15 remain. Possibly generator shed for the Bahun_ residence to the rear, to the northwest corner of the structure. Remains of a some sort of engine and radiator. Ruins of building #15 appears to have been a process of several additions. Seems evident that perhaps there is a rear to the north end of the site. Existing log structure perhaps the oldest one with sod roofing, typical log construction, pearl and roofed. A small breezeway to the south which connects with another log constructive building. Saddle notch construction which is added to again to the south by a frame constructed building. All of which are in ruin and on the center structure appears to have possibly been to the west side, to the east side of the central structure. Appears to have been an addition added again of log construction. Other unit appears older. Evidence of axe blazing on the outside structure.

Structure north end, log has been chinked boards. Additionally canvas has been added and battened on. _____ logs in rear addition. Evidence of an old iron bed, dresser cabinets. Inside appears to have been tacked with canvas. Inside a log structure presently in ruin. Roof completely fallen in. Other structure, breezeway structure appears to have an entrance from the east or west end. Appears to have been a screen door of sorts. Frame in construc-

tion, connecting the two log structured buildings. Both logs rough saddle notched, log ends have been sawn, not chopped. Galvanized metal, homemade rain drain.

Middle log structure, cellutex on walls. Interior walls interior walls have been blazed to knock off stubs, chinked with, appears to be siding from old Blazo boxes and such, Maplewood, Metalbrook, some sort of box with Metalbrook. Terracotta chimney pipe, same as building #3. Inside casing trim, middle section painted pink.

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Unlike structures in the interior, Iditarod Flat area, structures on the coast seem to have much more of a problem with wind. More attempts have been made to chink and canvas, not only inside but outside of structure to seal them from the air.

Building #16, note, ruin site between Building 15 and 16, old cabin pretty well fallen in. Made of logs, saddle notch construction; one or two rows of logs remaining, rest is in ruins.

BLUFF Building #16 appears to be some sort of a residence quarters again. Several additions, approximately 5 or 6 added different rooms. Small, frame structure again. Imported 1 x 15 rear planking rear addition. All structural material has been milled, probably imported. Rear shed planked outside vertical planking inlay, planking east to west, rear addition 2 x 4 ceiling. Shack framed in rear, not anything on center. Rear Wanigan addition with stairways to the upstairs possibly structure could have been a small roadhouse at some period. Undergone several simple modifications in structure. Small upstairs with stepway, possibly sleeping at some time. Ceiling pretty well gone. Main structure entry south side. Shack frame construction again. Vertical planking outside, no insulation. Cellutex siding inside. Some evidence of painting, evidence of ceiling has been in place, however is gone at this time. Nailed to the same size nails as cellutex so will assume cellutex ceiling. Rear addition to west side of structure appears to have been a shed completely collapsed. Evidence that there was an outhouse attached directly to the side of the structure. Indications are probably that it was a roadhouse of some sort. Initials on some of the lumber that came in is something L. Barker,

Bluff, Alaska. Five-panel door, typical of others along trail. Six-pane windows. Entry to south, facing ocean as others.

Wanigan similar to construction to one at mining camp at Bluff, backed up to rear of structure 16. Hardrocked mine south of Bluff or east of Bluff as drilled for several tunnels. Four cars, _____, several structures and ruins. Dwayne took several pictures.

From Bluff south to Cheokook(?) no evidence of trail along the ridges or over by Square Rock. Assume, probably traveled the ridges, approximately one-half to one-quarter mile off the beach. No evidence of any cat trains or heavier travel over this section. Trail Bluff to Cheokook. Evidence Nine Mile Creek of two ruins, more or less house pits, log construction, approximately 12 foot square and a poorman's shelter. Appears to be an old site and no evidence of any white cultural objects around.

Cheokook ^{SITE} ~~side~~, the spit in front of the lagoon, houses, ruins of several structures, quite old, six or eight structures. Additionally, there seems to be evidence of a, there is a State or cadastral survey aerial marker at this site also right in the middle of the lagoon spit. Cheokook site, evidence of, well existing structure last of Road Commission structure. Sign inside says "Property of Alaska Road Commission." Rules underneath have been torn off. Stenciled all over the planking that's inside. It is all milled. One by eight drop siding similar to some of the other lip siding. One there is stenciled ARC, Nome. Name here Eben S., Wayne S., Lincoln back from White Mountain, November 9, 1939. The date on here. OK, Sam and George, here on February 25, 6th and 7th, 1936.

Shelter cabin different from other cabins in that it has a breezeway between one section containing the dog kennels, the other section containing the sleeping cabin. Dog kennel faces east, west with its long side fronting the ocean, the Bering Sea. East side of structure, dog kennel frame construction, 2 x 4 milled, studs, single plate, 2 x 4 rough sawn rafters with 1 x 8 lip siding roof, walls, sod floor. Dog kennels raised on platform with bends with a top above approximately 3, 40 inches high. One window, south side dog kennel. Entryway to kennels from, two entryways; outside entry from east